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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

10, line 24 with the following rewritten version:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page

-- (d) As indicated in Fig. 7, a cylindrical member 43 (the first component in this embodiment), all surfaces of which are water-repellency treated may be interposed in between the one-way clutch 51 inner race 51a and the bearing 14a, about the outer periphery of the pinion gear 12. In addition, a pressing member 44, all surfaces of which are water-repellency treated, may be fitted in between the reel body 2a and the bearing 14a. The cylindrical member 43 is mounted such that it abuts on the front of the inner race 14c of the bearing 14a. The pressing member 44 is screwed fast into abutment on the front of the outer race 14d of the bearing 14a. Herein, water droplets are blocked from invading into the bearing 14a interior through the clearance in between the cylindrical member 43 and the pressing member 44. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1 with the following rewritten version:

-- A projecting portion 43a is formed projecting outward on the front of the cylindrical member 43 (the first component in this embodiment). The projecting portion 43a, as shown in Fig. 8, further may be furnished with a lip portion 43b that tapers out such that the radius of the lip portion 43b decreases in a frontward direction. In addition, as shown in Fig. 9, the outer contour of the cylindrical member 43 may be formed in an involute shape, to establish a plurality of the projecting portions 43c. In any case, water droplets will more readily be driven off during rotation of the cylindrical member 43. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 8 with the following rewritten version:

-- (e) As shown in Fig. 10, the present invention may further include: a plurality of plate-shaped members 45a, 45b fitted in the outer race 14d of the bearing 14a, and all surfaces of which are water-repellency treated; and a pressing member 46 mounted on the front of the inner race 14c of the bearing 14a and all surfaces of which are water-repellency





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treated. In this case, water droplets are prevented from invading into the bearing 14a interior. Here, the present invention may be such that invasion of water droplets between the plate-shaped members 45a, 45b and the inner race 14c is prevented by furnishing only the water-repellency-treated plate-shaped members 45a, 45b, without providing the pressing member 46 (the first component in this embodiment) as shown in Fig. 10. --